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Update for Rulemaking on Court-Ordered Testing for Communicable Diseases (9 A.A.C. Chapter 6, Articles 8, 9, 10, and 11)

The Department has begun a rulemaking regarding the testing for communicable diseases performed at the order of a court under A.R.S. §§ 8-341, 13-1210, 13-1415, or 32-3207. The Department anticipates making these rules in 9 A.A.C. Chapter 6, Articles 8 through 11.

- Article 8, currently entitled “Assaults on Officers, Firefighters, or Emergency Medical Technicians,” will be renamed “Assaults on Public Safety Employees and Volunteers” and establish the notification procedures to be used after testing is completed pursuant to a court order issued under A.R.S. § 13-1210.
- Article 9 will be entitled “Health Professional Exposures” and establish the notification procedures to be used after testing is completed pursuant to a court order issued under A.R.S. § 32-3207.
- Article 10, recodified from Article 9, will be entitled “HIV-Related Testing and Notification” and include procedures regarding court-ordered testing for HIV-infection performed under A.R.S. §§ 8-341 or 13-1415.
- Article 11 will be entitled “STD-Related Testing and Notification” and include procedures regarding court-ordered testing for sexually transmitted diseases performed under A.R.S. § 13-1415.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a Web Page for the rulemaking. A draft of the Court-Ordered Testing for Communicable Diseases rules will be posted on the Department’s website when they are available for informal public comment.

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